

(3) manually fired miniature boilers that:

(A) are constructed or maintained for locomotives, boats, tractors, or stationary engines only as a hobby for exhibition, recreation, education, or historical purposes and not for commercial use;

(B) have an inside diameter of 12 inches or less or a grate area of two square feet or less; and

(C) are equipped with a safety valve of adequate size, a water level indicator, and a pressure gauge;

(4) boilers that are designed for operation only at atmospheric pressure and that are equipped with two independent means to prevent the buildup of pressure; ~~or~~

(5) steam cookers; or

(6) espresso machines.

SECTION 3. Section 755.025(e), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) *The commission by rule shall establish the subsequent intervals and manner of inspection for a [A] portable [power] boiler [must be inspected externally each time the boiler is moved to a new location and must receive an internal inspection at least annually].*

SECTION 4. Chapter 755, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

#### **SUBCHAPTER E. REGULATION OF BOILERS AND FUEL GAS SYSTEMS**

*Sec. 755.071. RESTRICTION ON REGULATION. Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency or political subdivision may not restrict the use or installation of a specific fuel gas pipe product that is approved for use and installation by the International Fuel Gas Code.*

*Sec. 755.072. CONFLICT OF LAW. To the extent of a conflict between this subchapter and another law, this subchapter controls.*

SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3257 on May 22, 2017: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Approved May 29, 2017.

Effective May 29, 2017.

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## **REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

### **CHAPTER 285**

H.B. No. 3329

#### **AN ACT**

**relating to regulation of electricians by local governments.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 1305.201, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) This chapter does not prohibit a municipality or region from regulating electricians or residential appliance installers by:

- (1) enacting an ordinance requiring inspections;
- (2) offering examinations;
- (3) issuing municipal or regional licenses; or

(4) collecting permit fees for municipal or regional licenses and examinations from ~~electricians and~~ appliance installers for work performed in the municipality or region.

(f) A municipality or region may not collect a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who holds a license issued under this chapter for work performed in the municipality or region. This subsection does not prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a building permit fee.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2017.

## ANNUAL LIMITATIONS ON THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY DISTRICT COURT REPORTERS

### CHAPTER 286

H.B. No. 4032

#### AN ACT

relating to annual limitations on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by district court reporters.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 52.055, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) The expenses reimbursed under this section are subject to annual limitations based on the size of the judicial district. *Except as provided by Subsection (d-1),* a [A] court reporter may not receive more than the maximum reimbursement amount set for the reporter's judicial district in any one year. The maximum reimbursement amount is as follows:

- (1) if the judicial district contains two counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$400;
- (2) if the judicial district contains three counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$800;
- (3) if the judicial district contains four counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$1,400; and
- (4) if the judicial district contains five or more counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$2,000.

(d-1) For expenses that exceed the annual maximum reimbursement amount set for a court reporter's judicial district under Subsection (d), the reporter may receive reimbursement from the county for which the expenses were incurred on approval of the commissioners court of the county.